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### 1. CHINA

ERDA SAYS RADIATION LEVELS INSIDE AIRCRAFT CROSSING ATLANTIC INCREASED BRIEFLY AS THEY FLEW THROUGH RADIATION CLOUD FROM PRC'S NOV 16 NUKE BOMB TEST; BUT INCREASES SO SMALL THEY POSED "NO KIND OF HEALTH HAZARD." ERDA ALSO FOUND SLIGHT CONTAMINATION OF EXTERIORS SEVERAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS ARRIVING JFK AND LA INTL AIRPORTS (WP 12/5).

SEN YOUNG (ND) SAYS HE UNDERWENT 3 ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENTS ON RECENT PRC TRIP, TO RELIEVE HIP JOINT PAIN CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE WALKING/CLIMBING (AP NYT).

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PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTS MORE THAN 12,000 TROOPS WERE MOBI-

LIZED IN TROUBLED FUKIEN PROVINCE TO COUNTER SABOTAGE/  
FACTIONALISM BY "GANG OF FOUR'S" FOLLOWERS (REUTER NYT,  
WP 12/5; AP, SUN 12/4).

U OF MICH'S DR. ALEXANDER ECKSTEIN, WHO PLAYED MAJOR ROLE  
IN OPENING/DEVELOPING US/PRC RELS, DIED SATURDAY OF HEART  
ATTACK IN ANN ARBOR (NYDN, WP; DUGAN, NYT 12/5).

WP'S MARTIN REPORTS SUNDAY HYATT REGENCY HOTEL FESTIVAL FOR  
BENEFIT OF NATIONAL SYMPHONY, CONDUCTED BY FOREIGN EMBASSY  
STAFF CHILDREN. ARTICLE FEATURES CHILDREN OF ROC DIPLOMATS  
PERFORMING TRADITIONAL DANCE FROM TUNG DYNASTY.

## 2. JAPAN

ELECTIONS RECEIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN ALL MAJOR PAPERS.  
WP, NYT (12/5) REPORTED REAL POSSIBILITY LDP LOSS LEGIS-  
LATIVE MAJORITY, PREDICTED ALL 5 OPPOSITION PARTIES WOULD  
GAIN GROUND. LATEST RESULTS SHOW, WITH 497 OF 511 HOUSE  
SEATS DECIDED, LDP HAD 247, WAS EXPECTED WIN 248 TOTAL  
(SAAR, WP). NUMBER FALLS SHORT 271 SEATS MIKI SAID NEEDED  
ASSURE LDP CONTROL (WSJ; UPI, NYDN). IN PRESS CONF, PM  
CONCEDED VOTERS' REBUKE HIS PARTY "WAS MUCH MORE THAN I  
EXPECTED." FUKUDA SAID REASON LDP DEFEATED "WAS THAT WE  
DID NOT REFORM THE PARTY." FUKUDA/TANAKA/FINMIN OHIRA/JUS-  
TICE MIN INABA ALL WON RE-ELECTION; 2 MEMBERS MIKI CABINET  
LOST (MALCOLM, NYT). SEIDEN (SUN) ADDS HISTORIC VOTE "AL-  
MOST CERTAIN" FORCE LDP FORM COALITION GOVT W/LEAST 1  
LEFT-CENTER OPPOSITION GROUP. MIKI SAID WHILE ELECTION  
REPRESENTED DEFEAT, POOR SHOWING "CANNOT BE TAKEN" AS  
"CRITICISM OF MY CABINET." PHINQ NOTES TANAKA "EASILY WON  
RE-ELECTION"; REPORTS LDP SPLINTER GROUP, NEW LIBERAL CLUB,  
DID WELL/SEEMS LIKELY PLAY PIVOTAL ROLE IN NEW PARLIAMENT.

IN 12/5 ARTICLE, SEIDEN REPORTED "LOCKHEED ELECTION"  
VIEWED WITH APATHY/CYNICISM BY VOTERS. CAMPAIGN GENERALLY  
DULL, NO DEBATES/CONCRETE ISSUES INVOLVED. VOTERS SAID  
WOULD LIKE "PUNISH" LDP FOR LOCKHEED INVOLVEMENT, BUT  
FEARED GIVING GOVT TO OPPOSITION PARTIES.

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PROPELLED BY JAPANESE NEED FOR US CURRENCY IN ORDER FI-  
NANCE IMPORTS, DOLLAR JUMPED STILL HIGHER AGAINST YEN ON  
TOKYO EX FRIDAY. REPORT ISSUED AFTER MART'S CLOSE INDI-  
CATED JAPANESE EXPORTS SURGING, HINTING FUTURE DOWNWARD  
PRESSURE ON-DOLLAR (WSJ).

JAPAN'S OCTOBER EXPORTS PASSENGER CARS UP 4.9 PCT FROM  
SEPT. EXPORTS TO US UP 23.6 PCT FROM SEPT, 13.7 PCT

OVER SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (JOC).

KANABAYASHI (WSJ) REPORTS VENDING MACHINES WIDELY USED IN JAPAN. IN '75, 2.8 MILLION MACHINES SOLD 4.7-BIL-DOLS

WORTH PRODUCTS. INDUSTRY HOPES HAVE 5 MIL IN OPERATION WITHIN 5 YEARS.

LEGGETT (NYT MAG 12/5) DOES LENGTHY BACKGROUND PIECE ON IVA TOGURI D'AQUINO--"TOKYO ROSE." REVIEWS WWII ROLE, LEGAL HISTORY TREASON CONVICTION/RECENT MOVES FOR PARDON. SEES IN ROSE'S STORY TALE ABOUT "VINDICTIVE SIDE OF PATRIOTISM."

### 3. INDOCHINA

VN CP PAPER W/"UNUSUAL PROMPTNESS" REPORTS APPOINTMENT CYRUS VANCE AS SECSTATE; PRINTS VANCE FOTO, RECALLS WAS DEP CHIEF US DEL TO PARIS TALKS ON VN IN 1968 (AFP, NYT).

VN SAYS HANOI-SAIGON RR LINK COMPLETED, W/2 TRAINS MAKING EXPERIMENTAL RUN (WP 12/5).

SOME HOUSE DEMS MAY ATTEMPT BLOCK REP ZABLOCKI FROM BECOMING CHMN HIRC ON GROUNDS HE DOESN'T VOTE W/PARTY'S MAINSTREAM ON FOPOLICY. POINT OUT HE VOTED AGAINST CUTOFF US FUNDS FOR VN WAR, VOTED FOR BOMBING CAMBODIA (AP, WP 12/5).

PM KAYSONE SAYS US CONTINUES HOSTILE POLICY TOWARDS LAOS; URGES NEW ADMIN PUT STOP "ALL ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE LAO PEOPLE" OR SUFFER CONSEQUENCES (REUTER VIENTIANE 12/3).

### 4. THAILAND

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KING MARKS 49TH BIRTHDAY (AP,NYT); WARNS THAT COUNTRY THREATENED BY OUTSIDE FORCES; DOES NOT REFER BY NAME TO VN, CAMBODIA, LAOS (UPI, NYT 12/5).

### 5. PHILIPPINES

REUTER (WP 12/4) REPORTED US HAD AGREED GIVE PHILS ABOUT 1 BILLION DOLS IN MIL/ECON AID OVER NEXT 5 YRS IN EXCHANGE CONTINUED USE MIL BASES; SAID AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BETW HAK/MANILA REPS IN MEXICO CITY. GWERTZMAN (NYT 12/5) SAID MARCOS REJECTED TENTATIVE MEASURE, SINCE DISSATISFIED W/"LOOSE TERMS"-OF-ACCORD. REVIEWS DIFFICULTIES W/DEAL, MARCOS'-REPORTED DESIRE MORE .MIL AID. FONMIN ROMULO-DENIES EVER HAVING-REACHED AGREEMENT W/SECSTATE, AFTER

MARCOS DISAVOWED REPORTED AGREEMENT (WSJ); SAYS US TRIED "PRESSURE" GOP INTO SIGNING AGREEMENT W/PROVISIONS PHILS NEVER AGREED TO (AP, SUN). OBERDORFER (WP) QUOTES ROMULO DENIAL THAT BREAKTHRU TOOK PLACE, AGREEMENT REACHED. SEES MEXICO CITY TALKS AS EFFORT BY HAK MAKE MAJOR BREAKTHRU BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE. NOTES GOP WANTS BILLION DOLS IN

MIL AID, W/ECON AID DISCUSSION SEPARATE. ADDS ROMULO STATES GOP WILLING WAIT FOR AGREEMENT IN BELIEF CARTER ADMIN "WOULD BE FAIR TO US."

MANILA POLICE CLOSE OFFICES 2 RC PUBLICATIONS IN APPARENT CONTINUING CAMPAIGN VS LEFTIST ACTIVISTS IN CHURCH (WP).

US SAILOR STATIONED SUBIC SENTENCED DEATH FOR STRANGLING NIGHTCLUB GIRL--1ST DEATH SENTENCE FOR US SERVICEMAN HANDED DOWN BY PHIL COURT (UPI, WSTAR 12/5).

WSTAR'S GOSSIP COLUMNIST "EAR" (12/3) SAYS MARCOS/IMELDA PAID 1-1/2 MILLION DOLS IN NYC FOR JEWELS.

#### 6. SINGAPORE

GOVT DROPS 2 SETS FRAUD CHARGES VS FORMER CHMN SLATER WALKER SECURITIES IN LONDON; 2 ADDITIONAL FRAUD CHARGES REMAIN. GOS REQUESTS EXTRADITION (WSJ).  
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#### 7. NORTHERN MARIANAS

ISLANDS APPROVE DRAFT CONSTITUTION THAT COULD MAKE THEM SELF-GOVERNING US TERRITORY BY EARLY 1978 (REUTER, NYT 12/4).

#### 8. AUSTRALIA

FIRE IN HANGAR DESTROYED 12 RAN ANTISUB PLANES SUNDAY, LEAVES NAVY W/JUST 1 ANTISUB TRACKER (AP SUN, NYT, NYDN). INCIDENT BEING INVESTIGATED; DEFMIN CALLS FIRE SIGNIFICANT BLOW; DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAY WILL HAVE MAKE URGENT REQUEST THAT US SPEED UP DELIVERY 6 REPLACEMENTS ALREADY ON ORDER (AP, SUN).

STOVE (JOC) SAYS AUSSIES EXPECT BIG INFLOW US INVESTMENT IN WAKE DEVALUATION. MOST WILL GO TO DEVELOPMENT MINING/CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.

#### 9. KOREA

KCIA HEAD SHIN JIK SOO OUSTED--REPLACED BY CLOSE PERSONL  
CONFIDANT PRES PARK, KIM CHAI KYU. DISMASSAL SEEN CON-  
NECTED TO RECENT REVELATIONS KCIA ACTIVITIES US. FIVEP,  
MINISTERIAL POSTS ALSO SHUFFLED IWP12 4;NYT,SUN,WP,  
WSTAR 12/5. (AP SUN NYT 12/5 WSTAR WP S OBERSDORFER  
12/5 SAAR WP TOKYO 12/4.

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LAT'S OSTROW/HOUSTON (12/2) SAY KCIA "DEFECTOR" KIM SANG  
KEUN "VERY VALUABLE" SOURCE--REPORT HIS INFO REQUIRES  
EXTENSIVE CORROBORATION, SEE LOBBYING INVESTIGATION GOING  
ON FOR MONTHS. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, 4 SK CORRESPON-  
DENTS RETURN SEOUL "AT INVITATION" KCIA.

HALLORAN (NYT 12/5) SAYS CRITICS PRES PARK TRYING PERSUADE  
KCIA STATION CHIEF WASH, KIM YUNG HWAN, TO DEFECT--  
SUPPORTERS PARK PRESSING HIM TO STAY "IN LINE"/RETURN ROK.  
HIGH-LEVEL KCIA OFFICER SEOUL, CHANG KEUN SUP, SENT WASH  
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KEEP KIM FROM DEFECTING.

NYT'S HORROCK (12/5) REPORTS JUSTICE DEPT ISSUES SUBPOENA  
FOR TESTIMONY/RECORDS EX-REP GALLAGHER (D-NJ) TO SEE IF HE  
DISTRIBUTED BRIBES OTHER CONGRESSMEN ON BEHALF ROKG.  
MCALLISTER/ARMSTRONG (WP 12/5) WRITE THAT JUSTICE NOW  
GATHERING INFO ON REP WILSON (D-CAL), THO HE NOT NOW PRI-  
MARY TARGET OF PROBE. WILSON, DESCRIBED AS CONGRESS' MOST  
AGRESSIVE SEEKER OF LOBBYISTS' FUNDS, ADMITS CONVERTING  
THOUSANDS DOLS IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO PERSONAL  
USE (BOTH STORIES ALSO CARRIED SUN).

HALLORAN ASSERTS ROK HILL LOBBYING APPARENTLY PAID OFF.  
CITES VOTING ON MIL AID BILL LAST SPRING. CLAIMS 60 OF  
CONGRESSMEN VOTING PRO-ROK POSITION HAD RECEIVED SOME TYPE  
KOREAN FAVOR. LOBBYING SEEMINGLY CONCENTRATED ON THOSE IN  
POSITION INFLUENCE COLLEAGUES. NUMBERED AMONG STAUNCH  
SUPPORTERS ROK ARE REPS ZABLOCKI, BROOMFIELD, DERWINSKI,  
ALBERT, O'NEILL, MCFALL.

OPPENHEIMER (WSTAR 12/5) DOES LENGTHY PIECE RE PENTAGON'S  
WORRIES ABOUT KOREAN CONNECTIONS FORMER TOP US COMMANDER  
SK, GEN MICHAELIS. DOD CONCERNED WHEN MICHAELIS TOOK  
"MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT" POSITION W/HANJIN INTL INC 1972.  
ARMY LOOKED INTO GEN'S POSSIBLE USE INFLUENCE TO DO  
FAVORS FOR KOREAN FRIENDS, HIS LINK TO KOREAN FEMALE  
SINGER, AND MIL CONSTRUCTION IRREGULARITIES. MICHAELIS,  
FREQUENTLY ENTERTAINED KOREA BY TONGSUN PARK, SAYS, "IN  
RETROSPECT," TAKING HANJIN JOB "NOT GOOD JUDGEMENT." DOD

TELLS STAR IT WILL TAKE SECOND LOOK EX-GEN'S ACTIVITIES.

10. JAPAN

NYT'S MALCOLM (12/5) STATES FUKUDA WOULD "ALMOST CERTAINLY" BE MIKI'S REPLACEMENT SHOULD LDP SUFFER SUBSTANTIAL "EROSION" HOUSE SEATS. SAYS IN THAT EVENT, GOJ MIGHT MOVE MORE SLOWLY ON DEVELOPING ECON TIES W/PRC, SINCE FUKUDA KNOWN HAVE CLOSE LINKS W/TAIWAN. BELIEVES "SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE" IN OPPOSITION PARTIES' INFLUENCE IN GOVT COULD PRESENT JAPAN W/PERIOD POL UNCERTAINTY UNKNOWN SINCE WWII DEFEAT. CONCLUDES W/O MIKI LEADING GOVT, LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION UNCLASSIFIED

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TION "WOULD QUIETLY DRY UP" LIKE "HARVESTED RICE STALKS THAT LINE JAPAN'S PADDIES."

WP'S SAAR (12/5) REPORTS FROM TANAKA'S HOME DISTRICT, NIIGATA. SAYS DESPITE LOCKHEED INVOLVEMENT, TANAKA STILL HAS VOTER APPEAL BECAUSE UNDERSTANDS "BETTER THAN MOST" THAT DIET MEMBERS CHOSEN FOR THEIR ATTENTION TO PAROCHIAL INTERESTS RATHER THAN INTL AFFAIRS. NOTES, FOR 1ST TIME IN DECADE, TANAKA RETURNED HOME "TO RECLAIM" PLEDGES/FAVORS LAID OUT OVER LAST 30 YEARS. CONCLUDES ELECTION "WILL PROBABLY MARK" FURTHER DECLINE LDP, W/O BRINGING OPPOSITION CLOSER TO REAL POWER. BELIEVES IMMEDIATE CRISIS FACING LDP IS NECESSITY CURB "TANAKA'S MORALITY"/REVITALIZE FEUDING PARTY LEADERSHIP.

NYT STATES STD OIL OHIO'S SCHEME SHIP ALASKAN OIL TO JAPAN WOULD LEAVE US "MORE THAN EVER" AT MERCY OPEC PRODUCERS AS TO PRICE/POTENTIAL CUTOFFS. BELIEVES "TOO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE VALUE OF ALASKAN OIL...FOR IT TO BE EXPORTED NOW," AND DOING SO WOULD MAKE US "MORE DEPENDENT THAN EVER" ON ENERGY RESOURCES OF FOREIGN STATES.

11. INDOCHINA

RICHARD HUGHES (NYT 12/4) WRITES VIGNETTES OF SAIGON STREET BOYS HE HELPED. BELIEVES WHAT VIETS "HAVE TO OFFER US" IS SO GREAT THAT FOR OUR SAKE WE MUST HELP THEM REBUILD.

12. PHILIPPINES

STROUT (CSM) OPINES MARCOS DEBATING WHETHER CAN GET BETTER DEAL FOR BASES FROM FORD FOR CARTER. NOTES DOS ONLY SAYS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING. MENTIONS UNOFFICIAL REPORTS THAT HAK/ROMULO WORKED OUT DEAL IN MEXICO THAT BROKE DOWN WHEN MARCOS WANTED HIGHER PRICE. REVIEWS CONTINUING AREAS OF FRICTION ON BASE AGREEMENT.

LAVINA OF PHIL CONGEN LA IN LTR TO LAT (12/2) TAKES EXCEPTION TO 11/26 MCARTHUR ARTICLE THAT CRITICIZED "FIRST COUPLE." BRANDS THIS PART OF CAMPAIGN MALIGN/CAST ASPERSIONS ON PHILS PEOPLE/GOVT.

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### 13. INDONESIA

MCDONALD (WP 12/4) DISCUSSES ROLE MYSTICISM IN JAVA POLITICS. SAYS IS FACTOR BE RECKONED WITH; FORMS VALUABLE POL CHANNEL FROM JAKARTA TO RURAL JAVA AS PART DEEPER POL STRATEGY. MENTIONS INFLUENCE ON SUHARTO. NOTES UNEASINESS AMONG MOSLEM LEADERS AS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION MYSTICISM HAS GROWN UNDER SUHARTO. MENTIONS RECENT "PLOT" TO REPLACE SUHARTO BY HATTA THAT INVOLVED MYSTICISM; GOVT REACTION STRONG, INDICATING SENSITIVE NERVE TOUCHED.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY DOS UNDER JAKARTA PRESSURE DENY VISA TO CARMEL BUDIARDJO, UK CITIZEN, "EXPERT" ON HUMAN RIGHTS. NOTE PREVIOUS US TRIP SHE MADE, THEN VISA CANCELED DUE "MISREPRESENTATION" ON APPLICATION. OPINE CASE IS EXAMPLE UPDATED "MCCARTHYISM."

### 14. PACIFIC ISLANDS

IN 12/4 WP, ANDERSON/WHITTEN DISCUSS PROJECT BY INTL OIL INTERESTS/INTERIOR DEPT TO MAKE PALAU INTO PETROLEUM SUPERPORT THAT WOULD LAY WASTE GOOD PART ISLAND'S BEAUTY. NOTE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS WANT GUARANTEE SELVES EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

### 15. KOREA

LAT (12/3) SCORES BELATED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN PROBING KOREAN INFLUENCE-PEDDLING. SAYS INERTIA NOW GONE, THERE IS "THROBING CONCERN" IN HOUSE TO GET TO BOTTOM OF CASE--OR AT LEAST GET "INKLING OF JUST HOW MUCH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT KNOWS."

MCGRORY (WSTAR 12/3) BLASTS HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, "MOST RELUCTANT OF BLOODHOUNDS." SAYS HOUSE WOULD LIKE FORGET ALL ABOUT SPREADING KOREAN SCANDAL, BUT CANNOT NOW SHIRK IT.

WSJ'S KEATLEY COMMENTS ON SECSTATE-DESIGNATE VANCE'S BALANCE OF MORALITY/PRACTICALITY IN FORPOLICY. NOTES  
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VANCE THINKS US AID ROK SHOULD BE INFLUENCED--THO NOT DOMINATED--BY SEOUL'S WILLINGNESS PERMIT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. ASSERTS US KEEPS TROOPS SK TO HELP DETER WAR IN NEASIA, NOT BECAUSE WE APPROVE SK POLITICAL PRACTICES.

ARMBRUSTER (CSM) REPORTS TENSIONS PANMUNJOM EASED CONSIDERABLY SINCE AUGUST KILLINGS. "UNC OFFICIALS" TELL HIM STILL TOO EARLY TELL WHETHER WANT APPEARS NEW NK ATTITUDE REPRESENTS GENUINE POLICY CHANGE.

16. CHINA

CSM FEELS APPOINTMENT HUANG HUA AS FM IS LIKELY RECEIVE CORDIAL WELCOME IN WESTERN CAPITALS, INCLUDING WASHINGTON. SEES IT AS EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANCE HUA PLACES ON UNDERSTANDING WESTERN POWERS' POSITION.

NYT (12/5) TAKES SIMILAR LINE, NOTES HUANG IS BEST INFORMED ABOUT US AMONG ALL OF MOST SENIOR PEOPLE IN NEW POST-MAO PEKING REGIME.

SUN VOICES WILLINGNESS ACCEPT LI HSIEN-NIEN'S WORD THAT NO FOPOLICY REALIGNMENT IS IMPLIED IN HUANG'S REPLACING CHIAO KUAN-HUA. AGREES SHUFFLE MORE LIKELY DO WITH PERSONAL RELIABILITY OF THOSE INVOLVED, AS HUA REGIME CONSOLIDATES POWER.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) CITES CONCLUSION OF MANY ANALYSTS THERE THAT PURGE OF "GANG OF FOUR" HAS NOTE ENDED CONFUSION IN PRKING OVER WHO SHOULD LEAD COUNTRY, AND THAT HUA MAY BE LESS FIRMLY IN CONTROL THAN IS INDICATED BY PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM CAPITAL.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) FINDS "GANG OF FOUR" EARNING SHANGHAI SAME SCORN THROUGHOUT PRC THAT BEING FROM NY SEEMS TO AROUSE IN OTHER PARTS OF US. CITES SPATE OF RUMORS ABOUT EXACTLY HOW/WHY HUA MOVED SO DECISIVELY AGAINST FOUR RADICALS. CONCLUDES THAT BEYOND HUA, PEKING PARTY LEADER WUTEH HAS GOTTEN MOST PUBLICITY THIS YEAR. SEES WU STRONG CANDIDATE TO BECOME MEMBER POLITBURO STANDING CMTE.

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IN 12/4 COLUMN, BUTTERFIELD SUGGESTS THAT END OF NPC PARLEY WITHOUT RESOLVING OF KEY ISSUES HINTS AT CAUTION OR DIFFERENCES AMONG LEADERS. WSTAR'S BRADSHER HAS SIMILAR



IDEA (12/2).

MIDDLETON (NYT PEKING 12/5) RECOUNTS AUTO TRAVEL ON PRC'S TEEMING ROADS. LEAVING CAPITAL, NANKING OR MUKDEN, HAD IMPRESSION OF ENTERING LESS MODERN WORLD--AS THOUGH SPEEDING BACKWARD IN TIME TOWARD PERIOD BEFORE TRUCKS/TRACTORS.

IN COMPANION PIECE, MIDDLETON SAYS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE SENIOR MIL OFFICERS/DIPLOS CREATE IMPRESSION THAT, ASIDE FROM CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET, STRATEGIC QUESTION TROUBLING PEKING IS SK/JAPANESE/US POSITION TO EAST. FINDS NONE OF CHINESE CONSULTED WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT US WITHDRAWAL SK OR GENERAL US DISENGAGEMENT FROM EASIA.

SUN'S WU (HK 12/4) NOTES EXPLANATION BY LI HSIEN-NIEN OF HUANG HUA'S REPLACING CHIAO. CONCLUDES IF THERE WAS ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM, HUANG APPEARS UNINVOLVED WITH "GANG OF FOUR," WHEREAS CHIAO HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY ACCUSED OF BEING RADICALS' ACCOMPLICE.

CDN'S BEECH (HK 12/1) SUSPECTS CHINESE, BENEATH COMMUNIST PURITANISM MASK, "ARE JUST INTERESTED IN S-E-X AS ANYBODY ELSE"--"PERHAPS EVEN MORE SO," CONSIDERING "UNUSUAL DAILY DIET OF TIRED CLICHES AND RELENTLESS PROPAGANDA THEY ARE FED" BY PRESS. BUT NOTES, IN RADICAL SWITCH, CHINESE NOW GETTING "ALMOST DAILY DOSES OF SIN, SEX AND INTRIGUE" IN FLOOD OF CHARGES AGAINST CHIANG CHING--AND "JUDGING BY ACCOUNTS FROM THE MAINLAND, THEY ARE LAPPING IT UP." BEECH'S OBSERVATIONS ALSO CITED BY WSJ.

SALISBURY (NYT 12/5) DISCUSSES "OLD, COMPLEX" SINO-SOVIET BORDER DISPUTE. SEES RESUMPTION TALKS AS FAINT SIGN OF LESS STRAINED RELS BETWEEN COMMUNIST GIANTS.

MARYLAND STATE (HOWARD COUNTY) DEL NICHOLS, RECENTLY RETURNED WITH 14 OTHER STATE LEGISLATURE REPS FROM PRC, COMPARES IT WITH 1930 US DEPRESSION DAYS IN TERMS OF HOUSING/WATER/SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES. WAS STRUCK BY UNCLASSIFIED

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ABSENCE INDIVIDUALISM/PERSONAL EXPRESSION AMONG CHINESE; BUT EVERYONE HIGHLY PATRIOTIC IN RELIGIOUS SENSE (CLARK, SUN 12/5).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS (PEKING) SAYS IT'S GREAT PITY FOREIGNERS DON'T USE CHINESE BUSES MORE OFTEN, SINCE THEY PROVIDE RARE/VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY RUB SHOULDERS WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. BUT OBSERVES ONE CANNOT HAVE ORDINARY CHINESE FRIENDS AND VISIT THEIR HOMES; AND FOREIGN GUESTS DISCOURAGED, IN SOME CASES BANNED, FOR MIXING WITH MASSES

(WP 12/5).

WP'S ARNOLD (12/4) FINDS LOCALLY-PLAYING CHINESE FILM, "BREAKING WITH OLD IDEAS," AMUSING, WITH "GENUINE AND OCCASIONALLY DIVERTING CURIOSITY" OF INDICATING THINGS ABOUT ROLE MOVIES EXPECTED PLAY IN REGIME'S LARGER SOCIAL SCHEMES.

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WP (12/5) REPRINTS SPOOF BY ASIAN WSJ'S LIPSKY OUTLINING POSSIBILITIES OF "WHO IS MAO'S THIRD SON"--NIXON, KHRUSHCHEV, GOLDA MEIR, CKS? HOPPE (SF CHRON 11/26) HAS SIMILAR SKIT.

#### 17. MONGOLIA

AP'S KENT (ULAN BATOR) DOES UPDATE OF "LAND OF GENGHIS KAHN." FINDS NO SIGN OF ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO TSENDEMBAL OR SOVIET-ORIENTED CP THERE, DESPITE CHINESE PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS THAT REGULARLY ACCUSE MONGOLIAN COMMUNISTS OF BEING SOVIET LACKEYS (PHINQ).

#### 18. GENERAL

ROSS (NYT MAG 12/5) DOES LONG FEATURE RE DANGERS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION--INCLUDES ERDA ESTIMATE THAT ROC AND JAPAN COULD MAKE NUKE BOMBS WITHIN 3 YRS, ROK WITHIN 4-6 YRS.

UPI'S DANIEL (LAT 12/3) DISCUSSES PLIGHT MIXED-RACE WAR BABIES IN JAPAN/KOREA/THAILAND/TAIWAN/PHILS/VN. OPINES SITUATION WORST IN SK. KISSINGER  
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